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PRATT FOR HONOLULU AND DESHA FOR HILO

President Roosevelt Will Send to the Senate Today the Names of the Nominees for the Two Chief Postmasterships of the Territory.

(Special Cable to the Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, January 8.—The President has ordered the nomination of Joseph G. Pratt as postmaster at Honolulu and of George L. Desha as postmaster at Hilo, to be sent to the Senate tomorrow.

WALKER.

And so the much talked of struggle for the two Federal plums has been ended. As was predicted in the Advertiser yesterday, it is apparent that Delegate Kuhio has consented, since he could not name the Postmaster at Honolulu, to accept the man named for that place by the people who did have hearing at Washington and to be content with the selection of his man for the second place. That is an agreeable arrangement all around, and especially to the Delegate, who doubtless has a shrewd appreciation of the basic truth that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Joseph G. Pratt, the new postmaster, has only been in Honolulu six or seven years, and that perhaps puts him in the malihini class—but he is among the most capable of malihinis. And that is saying a great deal. He is a bright, energetic man, and he will put the postoffice on a business basis, and keep it there. Under the administration of Pratt, the people of Honolulu can depend upon it that the postal service will be of the best possible, modern, strictly up-to-date.

Mr. Pratt came to Honolulu first to engage in the real estate business, and later was sent to Washington to put through the Fire Claims Bill, calling for an appropriation of one million dollars. It was deemed, at the time Mr. Pratt was sent upon this mission, that it was well nigh a hopeless one, nevertheless it was carried through to a triumphant conclusion.

Since then, Mr. Pratt has been engaged in the practice of law in the Territorial courts, with manifest ability.

George L. Desha, the new postmaster at Hilo, was born in Honolulu July 3, 1861, and has lived here all his life. He is a brother of Rev. Stephen L. Desha, the "silver tongued orator" of Hawaii. He started to go to the Fort Street school, but after the death of his father, when he was about eleven years old, he was forced to leave that school and go to the Royal School. At the age of 19, in 1880, Mr. Desha went into the Honolulu postoffice and has served there ever since under monarchy, provisional government, republic and territory. The chiefs under whom he has served include Postmasters General J. M. Kapena, H. M. Whitney, J. L. Kaulakou, F. W. Wundenberg, Walter Hill and J. M. Oat and, since annexation, Postmaster J. M. Oat. Since 1887 Mr. Desha has been in charge of the registry division. He was married in 1881 and has seven children—a truly Rooseveltian anti-race suicide family. Mr. Desha is held in high esteem by all who have done business with him at the postoffice, as his demeanor toward the public has always been the acme of courtesy.

THE BIG SHARK TAKES SEVERAL SHOWER BATHS

Cool Wind Sweeping Across Kapiolani Park Drives Most of the Sunday Crowd to Seek Shelter.

A cool south wind that had a touch of the Kona without its rain swept in from the sea across Kapiolani Park yesterday afternoon, and the ironwood trees sang in unison with Captain Berger's band as they tossed and writhed in the breeze.

The wind carried touches of spindrift, too, from the waves that broke and thundered on the reef, touches that were more grateful to the coconut trees than to the crowd of thinly clad men and women who sat in what shelter they could find and listened to the music. There was a bigger crowd even than usual at the Park, but it melted away early. And the beach resorts were well patronized, although there was no tendency shown to go into the surf. It was altogether too easy to get a shower bath on shore.

Even the shark at the aquarium was taking a shower bath at short intervals, when the waves dashed into his tank—and did not seem to like it, any more than he did the antics of a foolish native boy who amused himself by harpooning the big fish with the steel

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JOSEPH G. PRATT, WHOSE NOMINATION FOR POSTMASTER OF HONOLULU WILL BE SENT TO THE U. S. SENATE BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TODAY.

GEN. MOORE HAS ARRIVED

Comes to Inspect Army Establishment in Honolulu.

Brigadier-General Francis Moore, United States Army, accompanied by his wife and daughter; Second Lieut. C. F. Cox, U. S. A., his aide-de-camp, and Major Lea Febiger, U. S. A., Inspector-General of the Pacific Division, arrived on the army transport Thomas yesterday from San Francisco. The General is here to inspect the troops at Camp McKinley, army hospitals, quartermaster's department, buildings and stores, and, most important of all, the sites on which the new and extensive shelters for the troops are to be erected.

The General will remain here about ten days, returning then with his aide and Major Febiger. Mrs. Moore and daughter will remain here two or three months, their former brief visits to Honolulu having decided them to enjoy a longer stay here.

General Moore hopes that in a short time the War Department will have the opportunity for commencing actual work on the barracks and buildings to be erected on the Kahauiki reservation this side of Moanalua.

"I will commence my inspection on Tuesday, perhaps," said the General yesterday in his quarters at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. "The troops at Camp McKinley will first be inspected. Afterwards I will look over the sites for forts. The sites for the battery emplacements are not in my province."

"The shelters, barracks for troops, residences for officers, offices, store buildings, etc., for Kahauiki are already planned. They are now in the hands of the War Department. At first it was proposed that shelters be erected for infantry, as well as coast artillery, but I believe now the policy of the department will be directed toward having only coast artillery troops there. These men will man the big guns to be erected on the emplacements already selected by the War Department at Puuloa, Pearl Harbor, Kaimuki and Waikiki."

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THE THOMAS IS IN PORT

After a Rough Voyage From Coast—A Short Stay.

The United States army transport Thomas arrived yesterday morning from San Francisco after a rough trip. She has a full passenger list and only stays in port until this evening. During the height of the storm on Thursday night, while waves broke over the forward part of the vessel, the passengers had difficulty in keeping to their feet, and sleeping in the bunks was almost an acrobatic feat. During a lurch of the ship a soldier was thrown and struck upon his head, requiring seven stitches to be taken. Another fell upon an iron, his chin striking with such force that he was laid out temporarily. Another soldier fell from a grating over a hatch and sustained severe injuries to his back.

General Moore states that the voyage from start to finish was cold and there was little sun breaking through the clouds to warm things up.

Most of the soldiers were allowed freedom only as far as the dock. There they amused themselves by playing leap frog. When one line of soldiers started the game another line followed it up, until a couple of hundred men at a time were enjoying the sport.

The Thomas is booked to depart at 5 this afternoon, but may not get away until half-past, as she has a large amount of coal to take on today.

The following passengers and troops are aboard the Thomas:

San Francisco to Honolulu—Brigadier-General Francis Moore, wife, and daughter; Second Lieutenant C. F. Cox, Eleventh Cavalry, aid-de-camp; Major Lea Febiger, Inspector-General Pacific Division; Mrs. W. F. Creary and Miss Creary, family paymaster, U. S. A.; Fred Josephson, wife and child, chief master-at-arms, U. S. N.

San Francisco to Guam—Mr. George C. Johnson, clerk naval station; Mr. George E. Rogers, clerk naval station; Mr. Noble C. Yould, cable operator; Quartermaster Sergeant Thos. Shields, U. S. Marine Corps.

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RUSSIA DECIDES TO FIGHT IT OUT

The Imperial Conference Makes the Fateful Resolve.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 9.—The Emperor has held a conference with the Council of the Empire. Its decision is that the Government will continue the war.

REPORTED JAPANESE REPULSE.

General Kuropatkin has reported that an attempt of the Japanese to surprise his center was frustrated.

STOESSEL GOES HOME VIA SUEZ.

TOKIO, Jan. 9.—Generals Fock and Smirnof and Admiral Wiren will be taken to Japan, together with fifty per cent. of the Russian officers, as voluntary prisoners. The total of Port Arthur prisoners comprises 878 officers and 23,491 men. General Stoessel returns to Russia via Suez.

PORT ARTHUR TO BE NAVAL STATION.

Port Arthur is to be made a naval station. The work of clearing the harbor of mines is proceeding.

ANOTHER JAPANESE LOAN.

The fourth Japanese domestic loan will soon be floated.

DELIVERY OF PRISONERS.

To the Japanese Consul-General, Honolulu, H. T.

Washington, January 8, 1905.

(Received at 9:20 a. m.)

General Nogi reports on Sunday that the delivery of prisoners under capitulation was completed on Saturday. The total is 878 officers and 23,491 men, whereof 441 officers and 229 orderlies so far gave parole. Generals Fock, Smirnof, Gorbatsky and Admiral Willmann preferred to be sent to Japan as prisoners, while General Stoessel will leave Dalny homeward on the 12th inst.

TAKAHIRA.

FORMER GOVERNOR DEAD.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 9.—Former Governor Lowndes is dead.

Lloyd Lowndes was born in Clarksburg, West Virginia, Feb. 21, 1845. He graduated at Allegheny College, Meadville, Penn., later receiving the degree of LL. D. from his alma mater. He was governor of Maryland in 1895-9. He was a capitalist, being president of the Second National Bank of Cumberland, Md., his home town, and of the Union Milling Co. of Allegheny County, Md., also a director of the Fidelity and Deposit Co. of Baltimore and of the New York Mining Co. He was a lifelong Republican.

THE COLORADO GOVERNORSHIP.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 9.—Peabody is contemplating a contest of the Governorship.

Yesterday's cablegrams stated that the Legislature had de-lated Adams Governor.

INTERESTING TALK BY MRS. KINNEY.

The lecture by Mrs. Selma Kinney before the Kilauea Art League on Saturday afternoon in the pavilion of the Young Hotel was very much enjoyed by a large audience. The subject, "Mary Wollstonecraft," was introduced in a particularly fitting manner, and interest was sustained through the narration of the vicissitudes of a strange life, accompanied by a rendition of the atmosphere of her times and surroundings, which had a telling effect upon the listeners. Miss Ramus made her first public appearance in Honolulu playing upon the violin, accompanied by Mrs. Tenney Peck, the Romanza and Finale of the second concerto of Wieniawsky, which was received with enthusiasm, and regret that there was not more to follow. The tea tables were presided over by Mrs. Dillingham, Mrs. Hedemann and Mrs. George F. Davies.